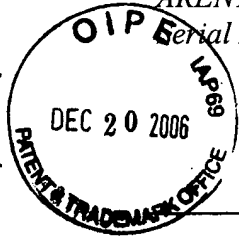


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 23, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the **Remarks** beginning on page 2 of this paper.